# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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Damage to Forests
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of damaged forests in the country at present, State/Union Territory -wise;
(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme or had made any efforts to conserve the forests in view of the large scale damages to the natural forests; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b) & (c) Damage to forests is caused by various factors such as forest fires, pests & diseases, other developmental works etc. The Ministry is not maintaining the details of damaged forests in the country. However, Ministry supports the efforts of the State Governments/Union Territories to undertake measures to minimize the impact of these factors. Financial assistance is provided to States and Union Territories for various forest conservation and protection measures under Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Intensification of Forest Management Scheme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger etc. Further, to increase the forest cover in the country, afforestation programme is taken up under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme, Green India Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS),Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) which from 2015-16 has been amalgamated as the Watershed Development Component of the "Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)" and under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, a subordinate organization of the Ministry assesses Forest Cover of India on a biennial basis and the results are published in India State of Forest Report. As per the India State of Forest Report 2015, the forest cover of India is 701673 sq. km which is an increase of 3775 sq. km as compared to India State of Forest Report 2013.

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